

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: WAYNE HART

DATE: JANUARY 24, 2003

RE: STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND  
AMENDMENTS: **CASE NOS.** USW-T-00-14; QWE-T-02-03; QWE-T-03-03;  
QWE-T-02-23; USW-T-00-21; VZN-T-03-01 AND **CEN-T-02-01.**

### BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiations only if it finds that the agreement: (1) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or (2) implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

### THE CURRENT APPLICATIONS

1. Qwest and Time Warner Telecom of Idaho LLC. (Case No. USW-T-00-14) This is an amendment to an existing wireline interconnection agreement that adds terms for unbundled network element combinations.
2. Qwest and ICG Telecom Group, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-02-03) This is an amendment to an existing wireline interconnection agreement that adds terms for unbundled network element combinations.
3. Qwest and Contact Communications, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-03-03) This application involves a new SGAT agreement.

4. Qwest and WestCom LLC dba Digital Easy Chair (Case No. QWE-T-02-23) This application involves a new SGAT agreement.

5. Qwest and Electric Lightwave, Inc. (Case No. USW-T-00-21) This is an amendment to an existing wireline interconnection agreement that adds terms for collocation decommission.

6. Verizon Northwest and Norvergence, Inc. (Case No. VZN-T-03-01). This application is for a new resale agreement. It contains similar to other Verizon resale agreements.

7. CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc and Edge Wireless LLC (Case No. CEN-T-02-01). This is a new interconnection and reciprocal compensation agreement. It contains terms similar to other agreements between CenturyTel and wireless carriers.

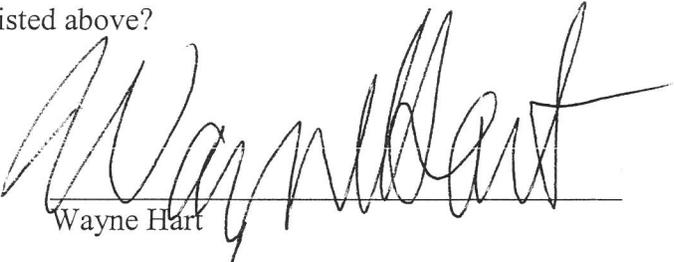
### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

Staff has reviewed these Applications and did not find any terms and conditions that it considers to be discriminatory or contrary to the public interest.

Staff believes that the Agreements and Amendments are consistent with the pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, Staff believes that the Agreements and Amendments to previously approved interconnection agreements merit the Commission's approval.

### **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve the Applications for Approval of the Interconnection Agreements and Amendments listed above?



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